Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office Of The Governor

WHEREAS, Catholic pioneer families, of various national backgrounds, saw the promise of the future and settled in Sanborn and Jerauld counties, of Dakota Territory. By 1884, Woonsocket, South Dakota, became a thriving prairie town, and the Catholic faith community had grown large enough to hire Mr. Docter to supervise the volunteer labor which built the first parish church; and,

WHEREAS, Rapidly outgrowing the already enlarged original church, St. Wilfrid Church engaged famed architect Masqueret, of New York and Minneapolis, to design a church expressing their gratitude to God for His blessings, and their hopeful dreams for the future; and,

WHEREAS, Louis G. Turgeon, a contractor and member of the parish, agreed to build the structure, beginning work on May 14, 1914. World War I interrupted the work on October 15, 1915, for nearly three years. When construction resumed, the stately brick structure was brought to completion, and dedicated by Bishop Thomas O'Gorman, on June 13, 1920; and,

WHEREAS, St. Wilfrid Church continues to attract the attention of the many people who marvel at its impressive size, beautiful interior, and lovely stained glass windows. The entire Woonsocket community points with pride to this landmark, reflected in Lake Prior; and,

WHEREAS, As it has for the last hundred years, St. Wilfrid Catholic Community looks forward to serving the religious, social and inspirational aspirations of generations yet to come, and rededicates its efforts to serving those needs for the glory of God and the good of the area; and,

WHEREAS, With gratitude to the pioneers who staked their hopes on the fertile lands here, and with renewed dedication to the dreams those hopes inspired, St. Wilfrid Catholic Church will celebrate its Centennial on July 8, 1984:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, WILLIAM J. JANKLOW, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim July 8, 1984, as

ST. WILFRID CATHOLIC CHURCH DAY

in South Dakota.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, In Pierre, the Capital City, this Twelfth Day of June, In the Year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Eighty-Four

William J. Janklow

WILLIAM J. JANKLOW, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

Alice Kundert

ALICE KUNDERT, SECRETARY OF STATE

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